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Operative G T Purdy.

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Re: Reported rumors.

Operative went to the home of Alfonso Struckland at 26 1/2 Morrell Street, who conducts a saloon at Morrell and Wycoff Sts. and has been in the business for about a year. He was formerly a taxi owner and during the first investigation he stated that he drove newspaper investigators and reporters around to and from the murder spot. He has two bartenders employed in the saloon, who were also taxi drivers at one time.

Mr. Struckland stated that one of our investigators interviewed his bartenders in an effort to find out if they had heard remarks passed that Jimmy Mills was seen out near the Phillips Farm House with a flash light the night of the murders. Both bartenders denied ever hearing such a remark. Mr. Struckland states that he believes they are telling the truth and that if they had heard anything they would help the defense and would be glad to say so. He further stated that he drove many of the reporters around during the first investigation.

Operative then called at the home of Lawrence Cake, 201 Easton Ave. but could not find anyone there. (Mr. Cake is supposed to have seen scratches on the hands of Dr. Hall when he arrived at the place of the murders). Made several attempts to locate Mr. Cake but was not successful.

Operative also called at the home of Fredrick Hort, near the Lincoln Highway in an effort to see John Hort, his son, but he is still around Jersey City and his father has not heard from him. Operative will try to see him again, as he is a former playmate of Willie Easton's and may have some information about the Gibson Farm.

Respectfully submitted:

G.T.P.